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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON
CONCORDE

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY
VANCE'S PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 4.

QUOTE.

Q. MR. SECRETARY --

SECRETARY VANCE: YES.

Q. --TO FOLLOW UP, FROM YOUR SIDE, WHAT MATTERS DO YOU
INTEND TO RAISE WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND
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FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WHEN THEY COME HERE NEXT WEEK,
AND SPECIFICALLY, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO EASE ONE BILATERAL
IRRITANT OR OFFER ANY ASSURANCE ABOUT THIS, NAMELY, THE
QUESTION OF THE CONCORDE LANDING IN NEW YORK.

SECRETARY VANCE: LET ME DEAL WITH THE CONCORDE QUESTION
FIRST.

INSOFAR AS THE CONCORDE IS CONCERNED, THIS HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE BILATERAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, AND FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF SENSITIVITY AND OF IMPORTANCE IN BOTH GREAT BRITAIN AND IN FRANCE, AND WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THOSE CONCERNS.

INSOFAR AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, BOTH THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE REAFFIRMED THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY SECRETARY COLEMAN WITH RESPECT TO DULLES AND KENNEDY. AT THIS POINT THE MATTER LIES IN THE HANDS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK, NAMELY THE PORT AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNOR, AND THE DECISIONS WHICH ARE GOING TO BE MADE WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY THEM.

SO, THAT IS WHERE THAT RESTS AT THIS POINT.

WITH RESPECT TO THE MORE GENERAL QUESTION, THERE ARE A WHOLE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS WHICH ARE ON THE AGENDA WHICH ARE BOTH BILATERAL IN NATURE AND MULTILATERAL IN NATURE, AND I THINK IT IS BEST TO WAIT UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER IS HERE, AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS WHICH ARE DISCUSSED.
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